

MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD
COUNTY LIBRARIAN

December 2, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND DONATION
FROM LA CAÑADA VALLEY BEAUTIFUL, INC.
TO REVITALIZE AND BEAUTIFY THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE LIBRARY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Public Library is recommending Board acceptance of an in-kind donation of landscape improvement services valued at \$40,055 and ongoing landscape maintenance services from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. for the second phase of the landscape improvement project for the La Cañada Flintridge Library. The donated maintenance service is anticipated to continue for two years.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Accept an in-kind donation of landscape improvement services valued at \$40,055 and ongoing landscape maintenance services from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. for the second phase of the landscape improvement project for the La Cañada Flintridge Library. The donated maintenance service is anticipated to continue for two years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is recommending Board acceptance of an in-kind donation of landscape improvement services valued at \$40,055 and ongoing landscape maintenance services

from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. for the second phase of the landscape improvement project for the La Cañada Flintridge Library. La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. is proposing to re-design the planted areas on the front and back side of the library building and two areas in the parking lot with plants native to the Mediterranean, Australia, South Africa and Chile. The project includes removing existing plants, providing the native plants and installing a new automated drip irrigation system. C & K Landscape Design, Inc. was selected by La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. to work on the project. The donated maintenance service is anticipated to continue for two years.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Service Excellence (1), Fiscal Responsibility (4), and Community Services (6).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. will pay for all the expenses related to the second phase of the landscape improvement project and ongoing landscape maintenance services. The Public Library's existing landscape services contract for the La Cañada Flintridge Library will be adjusted to accommodate the ongoing maintenance services that will be donated by La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. Acceptance of these in-kind donations does not require matching funds from the Public Library and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The donation for the first phase of the landscape improvement project from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. was accepted by the Board on May 29, 2007. La Cañada Valley Beautiful Inc. re-designed the garden located at the Oakwood Avenue front of the library, by providing native California plants.

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This generous donation from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. will revitalize and beautify the La Cañada Flintridge Public Library. Both residents and library customers will benefit from the new landscape design.

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CONCLUSION

Please return a conformed copy of the adopted stamped Board Letter to the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Donnellan Todd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD
County Librarian

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller